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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEW GUEST TICKET PROCEDURE FOR EASTERN COMMENCEMENT

CHARLESTON, IL--Because of limited seating in Lantz Gymnasium and a large fall graduating class, Eastern Illinois University has adopted a new ticket procedure that restricts the number of guests graduates can have in attendance at commencement. The restrictions will begin with the Dec. 13 indoor commencement ceremonies.

"In the past, family members and other guests have not been required to have tickets to be admitted to the graduation ceremonies nor was there a restriction on the number of guests graduates could invite, resulting in overflow crowds in Lantz Gymnasium. This new procedure will help us control the crowd, provide a safer environment for visitors and make the commencement ceremony a more enjoyable experience for all those involved," said Brenda Cuppy, commencement coordinator.

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Each graduate participating in the 2 p.m. fall commencement ceremony can request a maximum of six complimentary guest tickets after ordering regalia. Only a graduating student who appears on the cap/gown ordering list, or someone who has the graduate's Collegiate "Customer Copy" rental form, may claim tickets.

Graduates who wish to reserve tickets after ordering regalia can provide the Commencement Office with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to their off-campus address or a self-addressed campus envelope to their on-campus address. The Commencement Office is located in Linder House, 1544 Fourth Street, Charleston IL 61920. Tickets will be mailed to those students after Nov. 24.

Students also have the option of picking up their tickets when they get their regalia on Dec. 10 or 11 in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Union or on graduation day when they assemble in Lantz Fieldhouse to form the procession.

They can also pick up their tickets at rehearsal on Dec. 11 or at the Commencement Office after Nov. 24.

A limited number of guest tickets for Eastern faculty and staff will be available at the Commencement Office after Nov. 24.

Any tickets not claimed by graduates, faculty, or staff will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis in the Lantz Fieldhouse from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 13. Students are encouraged to turn in unneeded tickets at the door, at robe handouts, or at rehearsal, so that others can use them. They can also give their extra tickets to graduating friends.

Questions about the new ticket procedure may be directed to Cuppy at (217) 581-6892.